

Lathi charge in Suchindram Tekkutheru.

233. *MR. K. NARAYANA PERUMAL NADAR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a lathi charge by the Police on the crowd of people assembled in Suchindram Tekkutheru at about 7 P. M. on Tuesday the 11th Markali 1115, when Miss D. K. Pattammal was singing in front of "Parembalam" in Tekkumon;

(b) the number of people that died as a result of the lathi charge;

(c) the number of people wounded;

(d) the number of Police Inspectors present in the crowd; and

(e) the number of A. S. Ps present in the crowd?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: (a) No.

(b) & (c) These do not arise in view of the answer to part (a).

(d) 6.

(e) 1.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: With reference to answer to part (d) may I know why 6 Police Inspectors were present in Suchindram Tekkutheru?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: Suchindram temple is one of the most important temples in the State. The car festival there attracts very large crowd and as such a sufficient number of Police men is usually deputed.

Extension of the Transport Service to Kottayam.

234. *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement of the points discussed and the decisions arrived at, during the conference of the private bus-owners and the Transport Superintendent at Kottayam regarding the extension of the transport service to that station?

MR. K. SANKARAN: The Conference was an informal one arranged with a view to ascertain whether the present owners would be willing to hand over their vehicles to the Transport Department when the new route is taken up by that Department. The owners unanimously agreed to sell their vehicles at a price to be decided by the Transport Superintendent.

The owners were informed by the Superintendent of Transport of the proposed extension of the Transport Service to Kottayam after the expiry of the two years' period specified in the Press note, dated the 13th February 1938. One owner raised the question of good will, but the Superintendent refused to recognise it as a saleable asset. Another owner requested that the proposed extension might be deferred until the end of 1115, as his financial position was difficult.

A number of operators pointed out that the past three months had been a 'lean time' from a passenger traffic view-point and requested that the purchase of buses might be deferred until February 1940, and the Superintendent agreed to this arrangement."

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : May I know when the actual service will commence?

MR. K. SANKARAN : On 30th March 1940.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : May I know whether it is considered necessary to give goodwill to the private bus owners?

MR. K. SANKARAN : There is no such goodwill.

Acting Head Clerks in the Munsiffs' Courts.

235 ***MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI :** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the names of undergraduates in the Judicial Department, appointed by the High Court as acting Head Clerks in the Munsiffs' Courts from 1-1-1113 up to 1-6-1113, with the date of first appointment, the qualification and the total period of service as acting Head Clerks, of each, but who are not given even acting places as Head Clerks subsequently;

(b) the names of persons confirmed as Head Clerks in the Munsiffs' Courts after 1-1-1113 with the date of first appointment to act as Head Clerk in the Munsiffs' Courts, and the qualification of each;

(c) the names of undergraduates who were appointed for the first time to act as Head Clerks in the Munsiffs' Courts after 1-1-1113 and who were subsequently confirmed overlooking the previous acting claims of persons who have acted as Head Clerks, with the date of first acting appointment as the Head Clerk and confirmation of each;

(d) whether any of the persons mentioned in answer to (c) was first ordered by the High Court to retire and subsequently given extension and confirmation by the High Court; and

(e) the names of undergraduates in the Munsiffs' Courts who were appointed twice and thrice by the High Court to act as Head Clerks in the Munsiffs' Courts after 1-1-1113 and who are not now Head Clerks either permanent or acting with the date of first appointment as Head Clerks, the qualification and the total period of acting service as Head Clerks of each?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI :

(a) *Names of*

<i>Undergraduates appointed by the High Court as Ag. Head Clerks in Munsiffs' Courts from 1-1-1113 to 1-6-1113.</i>	<i>Date of first appointment as Ag. Head Clerk.</i>	<i>Qualifications.</i>	<i>Total service as Ag. Head Clerk.</i>
1. C. K. Govinda Pillai.	5-1-1113	Matriculation, Pleadership and Head Clerk's Test.	Y. M. D. 1 0 20
2. G. Sankara-narayana Iyer.	1-4-1112	English Middle School and Head Clerk's Test.	0 11 0